CHRISTMAS PROMOTES OPTIMISM'

The Reverend Doctor 1. II. Dorchester.

BLAMES PULPIT FOR IRRELIGION

The Reverend Father J. J. Conway, S. J.

NECESSITY OF DIVINE REVELATION

The Reverend Doctor Louis A. Bowerman.

EXTRACTS FROM SUNDAY SERMONS PREACHED IN ST. LOUIS PULPITS:

"To read a book and understand what we read is to get into the . hought and the attitude of the author, and to truly commemorate . the Christmas senson it is necessary to free ourselves from the customs which obtain, and by getting into the spirit, the life, of the .

and which he found on his return had blossomed, revealed how far . sin, ignorance and superstition has melted under the benign and potent influence of Christ's gospet." The Reverend Doctor L. H. Dorchester. .

"The little habe in the manger was a forerunner of all children . who would afterwards celebrate Christmas and have fellowship with . Jesus. His coming brought a blessing to them and called the attention . of the world to their purity, innocence, and sweetness, and taught . parents and teachers to rear them in the love of the Lord."- The Rev. . erend Doctor John L. Prandt.

ENTERING INTO THE

CHRISTMAS OF TO-DAY PROMOTES OPTIMISM.

Doctor Dorchester Says the World Has Become Vasily Better Since Savior's Coming.

good will toward man." Dortor Persher

Christmas has come to the world more era was begun; the world made a new

"All the civilized world to-day pays in its calendars and enstone, but in in pleasures and very spirit, showing how pleasures and very spirit, showing how dear the Christmas idea is to the surman heart. Our Christmas idea is to the surman heart. Our Christmas care was used and by the angels Christmas care. How highly layered were those Succan persons who heard that angelic choir singling those stirring strains in the dome of cooling that cathearal, immembering the Savarra lifth, promising peace and bronechood enearth. We are tempted almost to envy the humble shepherus. But how much more favored are we, living in a day when many of those promised hessings are ac-

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COUSIN OF COL. BRYAN WEDS.

tiful landmark ever erected between two countries.

'It is true there are counter movements in our day, even among peoples who call themselves Christian nations. They remind us of the queer Filinino cannon exhibited at the World's Fair. The cannon was made by the natives out of three eld bells taken from Catholic churches. Converting church bells into cannons is a seeming reversal of the peace prophecy which tells of converting swords into plowshares. And such reversals we do witness, as in the far East, when so-called Christian Russia encouches upon China and Japian. Wars are now waged, and will continue for some time, no doubt; but the horror of them grows, and as one says. The conviction that they are innecessary deepens; the instances in which they are successfully avoided multiply, and the time may not be distant when

BIG CROWDS ATTEND

Worshipers Dress in Their Best Despite Gloomy Condition of the Day.

SPECIAL MUSIC PROGRAMMES.

Solemn Pontifical Mass at St. Louis Cathedral Taxes Capacity of Historic Structure to the Utmost.

The condition of the weather yesterday did not tend to lessen the joy that each Christmas brings to the heart of the Chris

In men and nations, we may easily become the log lattice in the lattice in lattice in the lattic

Special programmes also were prepared

for last night, and attracted more than ordinary attendance of Sumlay evening SPIRIT OF CHRISTIANS. | worshipers.

The general theme of the sermons preached in St. Louis pulpits yesterday morning related to the wonderful mystery

Plus X" in Holy Family Church, at Oak Hill avenue and Humphrey street. The lecture will be illustrated with more than 130 stereopticon views and will be inter-spersed with music selections.

By the will of the late Father Locher of Alton, III., the sum of \$300 is left to his successor at St. Mary's, \$100 to Bishop Ryan for the Alton Orphange, and his library to St. Francis's Monastery.

A smoker will be given by the Irish-American Society, January 3, in Knights of Father Mathew Hall, No. 2829 Wash-ington avenue. The committee having

The Christmas entertainment given by

will take place Tuesday afternoon, Juneary 2, at the orphunge. Architectory and many of the elergy will be presented.

Baptist Vianney, better known as the Cure

The Kulghts of Pather Mattew will give a cuchre at the West End Club, No. 228 Easton avenue, Lamary 21

ATTRACTIVE POWER OF

THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM. The Reverend Doctor Benndt Draws

Lesson From the Lords With

of the Saylor.

The Revered Doctor John 1. Braudt resulted yesterday marring at the Paris Christian Church on the "Attractive St. Louis University Professor Power of the Rabe of Bethlehein" taking for his text, "Nations shall come to the rising," Iss. 1x, 3, the rising," Ist. 1x, 3,

He said, in part. "Another revolution of the wheel of Another revolution of the wheel of time and Christian people, the world ever, are commemorating the birth of Jeans, and in so doing they celebrate the power of him who from his coming into the world, has drawn all classes to blin, louched every human interest, sweetened every relationship of life and championed every needed referm.

The heavenir resource that another elementary tends of revealed references. "The heavenly nessenger that appeared at the birth of Jesus showed that heaven as Well as earth was interested in the common of Christ. These administrating spirits were communicated to interested bin to man as they sang. Glory to God in the highest; peare on earth and good will be sensitived, the Beverend Walter J. Common S. J.

"A type of gentle maldenhead, tender notherhead and wifely duty. Wemen had

And the wise men came from the far East. Tacitus, Seutonius and Josephus inform us that a conviction prevailed throughout the East, derived from ancient prophecies and association of the Jews, that a King would be born in Judea who would come to reign over the world. They represent the Gentile world, for it was said that he would be a light to lighten the Gentiles and the in rich of to-day come and bring their money. It should be given liberally, for a will cover shivering limbs and provide share fort, give bread to the summerful, vital force, the fumoriality of the proise of him who hath made of the proise of him who hath made of the fact of the carch. Herod, the King, heard of the carch. Herod, the King, heard of the carch of the grain and he told the wise me borth of dissurd the himself to pay the hemage bear shirtly and danger and breathed out for homest solited to his selfish purpose. He thought of the misching and murder and gave order to massacre the la count base of their liberum. And may it not be said to have symbolized crowned heads like Nerg. But, thanks he to God, the days of personal distributions of Cirist's antherly have been formatically and any order to massacre the la count has followed by the carth of the magne heat. When the scatch of the shall to have symbolized crowned heads like Nerg. But, thanks he to God, the days of personal distributions of carth are coming to the brightness of carth are coming to the brightness of station are passing away and "the Kings of carth are coming to the brightness of carth are coming to the brightness of the sound the profit of the personal of the carth of th

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"There is good reason to suppose," said Mr. Crabb, of the Secretary's department. "that at least some of our colonies will welcome the idea, but it is open to any of them to refuse."

Three main points are at present favored by the General Post Office. These will be, it is thought:

1. A parcel post exchange up to eleven pounds in weight.

2. C. O. D. registered letter packages,
3. No right of examination of parcels by receivers before payment of charges,
As the Post Office does not contemplate taking any responsibilities as to the character of the goods carried, the money chargeable must be received without any examination of the parcels. In regard to cash on delivery registered letters it is pointed out that this service is more expeditious than the parcels post, and that it may be found useful for the conveyance of small valuables or documents on which, say, a f5 stamp charge has to be collected.

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collected.

So far as we can look forward," said Mr. Crabb, "it is thought that the outward traffic of parcels to the colonies would be greater in volume than the inward traffic to this country." The Treasury is being consulted on the details of Lord Stanley's scheme.

Eather Conway Says Ministerial Slavery Allenates It From the Bible of Tradition.

"FOURFOLD EVIL"

Says Average American Is an Atheist and a

chair of ethics and political common at

the St. Louis University.
His text was taken from the chapter of St. Luke, verse 34, "Beheld the child is set for the full and for the year

been despoiled at their purity, deprived of their education, cheated out of their rights, they were considered as the slaves of their masters, the objects of text may be controlled. The result of their masters of domestic utility, but Jesus smote the shackles that kept them in bondage and set them free. He visited her in her bonne, made her his disciple, calarged her sphere of usefulness and made her life well worth living.

The sleepherds came. They heard the news gladly, for it told of a heavenly lamb that was to take away the sins of the world. They represented the work, ing seeple, who shall come to Christ till the end of time. Is your home a bamble one. Jesus was born in a manger, is your lot one of poverty? Jesus had row where to lay his head. He brought you a cargo of blessings. Before his conduct the rich cared for the poor only in 50 far as they fought their battles and performed their bidding in toll and sacrifice.

"But Jesus, who came as the poor Thesia," (3) of the Market and (b) of the text of the Market and (b) of the Mar

Mesers. Minus Pauls. Dublogue, No. 75.
Workhams. Minus Pauls. Murit. Fragilists. Smile. Morts. Fragilist.
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"Yet, if we must soudder at the opposi-tion to Christ and his law in the 'market,' the 'den,' and the 'tribe,' what we're be our sensations and our convictions when our sensations and our convictions when our sensations and our convictions when we pass in review the still more alarming evils of the American theater, or the growing mornaes to Christ's authority dully exhibited upon the singe of American public opinion. From the schoolroom, the very cradie of this oninion, religion is banished, or, which is fantamount ignored by law, and mural principles are divorced from all foundation in the supernatural conscience, in religion and in God, and human liberty is thus emancipated from every restraint except that of public propriety, the police court the jail of the scaffold. The press, the mirror at once and mold of public opinion, teems with a journalism that glorles in an easy flow of magnificent mendacity, of multitudinous seurrility, and of all sorts of criminal fact and fiction; while it biasis a chartered audacity to perpetrate the issue of any extravagance, and to father any aberration from fetichism to the millennium.

"It is moreover glutted with a periodical literature which furnishes an organ for anything that the human rulm may raise about, or in which the heart of man may dissipate, and it pours out books without end or license on every subject in heaven, on earth and in heli, by authors untold.

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Banquets for Season '04-'05.
The Hamilton Hotel will make a specialty of banquets, bowling parties, etc.

See W. F. WILLIAMSON, Manager.

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"FOLLOW THE FLAG."

ROUND TRIP

GOOD IN CHAIR CARS AND COACHES ONLY.

Tickets will also be sold at rate of \$8.00 round :::: trip, good in sleeping and parlor cars ::::

DEG. 26 and 31-JAN. 1 and 2.

TICKET OFFICES: EIGHTH AND OLIVE STREETS AND UNION STATION.

REVELATION FOR RELIGION.

erman Prenches on "Fulth" at Immenuted Captist Camerh.

Washington, Dec. 25-Christmas Day at the White House was spent just as it was stockings, and then came the family breakfast, with the usual excitement that accompanies the unwrapping of mysterious

For their Christmas tree the President and his family went to the home of Commander and Mrs. Cowles in N street ed, awaited them, its broad branches generously laden with gifts. All the young-

the entertained a party of young people at dinner the night, complimentary to their ow, Adna Chaffee Jr. of West Point and Cladets James Riber and J. M. Wainwright, Other guests were Theodore Theosevelt Jr. Miss Antis Peor. Miss Spurgeon, Miss Barne, Miss Fitch, Miss Activator, Miss Chaffee, Cadets Spurgeon, they have and Dunwoody. General and Mrs. Gilbergle entertained a fandly dinner party to-night. Colonel and Mrs. Hall entertained the claiming enders and some young women at Juncheon at Fort Meyer.

GIVES MINCE PIE TO HORSE. Considerate Man Then Drives

Away in Teamster's Wagon. RESCRICTSPECTAL.
Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—An outburst of to consist a white the verses for laughter, in which even Magistrate Kock-d consists with the Nancienth expenses Joined, was heard in the City Hall Police Court, when Jesse Fulmer, a teamster, told how William McCann of Latayste, Montgomery County, had fed but unione pie to Fulmer's horses before

stealing them.

The waren, which stood in Delaware avenue, contained two barrels of oysters belonging to James Deville, of No. 29 North Felaware avenue. Met and drove the here to Limestin Pike and City avenue, where he was arrested in the act of rebulgs the house of James Rulston. McCun's excuse was that he was drunk. He was armstided to severe was that he was drunk. He

WIDOWS' TAXES ONE-HALF.

Miliville Council Allows Them a Rebate of Fifty Per Cent. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Millville, Pa., Dec. 25.-All the Councilmen were present at a recent session and the question of widows' taxes were dis-

The taxes were reduced to 50 per centum but Council announced that this would be the last year a rebate would be allowed, the few hope of the state with the state of the state of the series of the state of



Brown, His Dog, His Pranks, His Resolutions. Are Original and Exclusive in The Sunday Republic.